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"We cannot feel the wild, the sweet excess
Of joy within our spirits, but we yearn
To make mankind partake our happiness;
The range of our own powers we cannot learn,
And feel high impulses within us burn;
We cannot Truth in her deep beauty see,
And feel our minds exalted, but we turn
A lingering look from our acclivity
To those below, who are less highly blest than we.
There is a chain unseen, yet strong to bind,
Which links us to our fellows. Desolate
Is he who wears it not. If human-kind
Have all one human heart—however Fate
Makes men to differ—can we separate
From our hopes and interests above
The love of those our Father did create,
Or cease to wish they should themselves approve,
Not subjects of His power, but children of His love?
These are the thoughts that make us watch and weep
Over the children of depravity,
And feel it is a glorious work to keep
One falling mind from ruin."

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ADDRESS TO OUR READERS.

Our editorial labours for the year 1855 being now concluded, we are desirous, by way of completing this our Seventh Volume, to prefix an observation or two upon a few of the principal points of interest that have passed in our retrospect in relation to the great work in which we have been engaged. It has been our privilege, and one we highly prize, to be actively and fully engaged in promoting the Ragged School movement, and gathering up from month to month whatever of interest and progress the Schools have attained, and recording it for the information and encouragement of our friends, hoping thereby to render past successes subservient to future extension and efficiency. Although the British metropolis constitutes the sphere of our labours, yet England's provinces and her sister kingdoms have shared in our attention and our labours, and we trust not without beneficial results accruing.

During the year events of great moment have occurred in thousands of our English homes, but especially in the history of the most powerful of European nations. The year 1855 will be ever memorable in the annals of Great Britain, for associated with it will ever stand out in bold relief the capture of Sebastopol, and the arrest of Russian arrogance, tyranny, and spoliation; but this has not been accomplished without the shedding the blood of some of England's best men and the expenditure of no small portion of her vast resources. Among other sources of help, Ragged Schools have not been wanting in supplying their meed of service in this great cause, having sent forth many of their most suitable scholars to man the Navy, to fill up the ranks of the Line, and to complete the complement of the Militia. Ragged Schools, however, are among the institutions that to some extent suffer from the clash of arms. Funds are not forthcoming to their support as in the happy times of peace. In the course of the present year the Committee of the Ragged School Union has been called upon to render increased aid to the Schools of London, amounting to £1,500 more than in the year have they received. Fortunately for the Schools that the Parent Committee were in a position to grant this assistance, for had they not, many of the Schools must have lessened their operations, and some perhaps would have been closed, but by it the whole is kept in active and efficient working. It is, however, gratifying to know that neither the excitement of war nor the want of funds have altogether hindered progress during the year, for we have had the pleasure to record an increase of Schools, of Scholars, and of Teachers, as well as the recognised and direct action of Ragged Schools in the diminution of juvenile criminals; *vide* pages 108, 235.

We have also entered upon our pages the success in Parliament attending the Religious Worship Bill, the Youthful Offenders' Bill, and the Education of Out-door Pauper Bill. And, above all, we have peculiar pleasure in recording in this our last sentence, that those who are engaged in the great work of Ragged Schools are keeping constantly in view the high and holy object of blessing the ignorant, the neglected, and the criminal with the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

1, *Exeter Hall, December*, 1855.

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